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Letter dated 14 July 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued on 14 July 1999 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan in connection with the forthcoming parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this statement circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 39 of the provisional agenda.

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Annex

Statement issued on 14 July 1999 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been authorized to issue the following statement in connection with the forthcoming parliamentary elections in the Republic of Kazakhstan:

In accordance with the Decree issued by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan on 7 July 1999, elections of deputies to the Senate (upper chamber) of the Parliament have been scheduled for 17 September 1999 and elections of deputies to the Majlis (lower chamber) for 10 October 1999.

The Republic of Kazakhstan is committed to the fundamental principles of democracy and to the development of civil society. Indeed, it is this lofty goal that forms the basis for the preparations for the forthcoming parliamentary elections in the country. In Kazakhstan, all necessary conditions will be established for the free expression of the popular will and the conducting of open, honest and fair elections, in accordance with the standards of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan is informing the country's citizens and communities about the electoral process, the deadlines for nominating and registering candidates and other matters connected with the forthcoming elections.

The registration of candidates for election to the Senate will begin on 8 August 1999 and will conclude on 27 August 1999. The nomination of Senate candidates will take place from 9 July to 16 August 1999.

The nomination of candidates for election to the Majlis, either by the supreme organs of national and local public associations or by the candidates themselves, will begin on 11 August 1999 and conclude on 31 August 1999.

The deadline for the submission of party lists by the supreme organs of the political parties to the Central Electoral Commission will be 31 August 1999.

The registration of candidates for election to the Majlis and the issuing to each candidate by the Commission of the appropriate certification will begin on 9 August 1999 and conclude on 9 September 1999.

The registration of party lists and the issuing of the appropriate certification will take place during the same period, that is from 9 August to 9 September 1999. The constitutional rights of the citizens of Kazakhstan will thereby be upheld, in accordance with the Act on Elections in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The Republic of Kazakhstan is ensuring broad participation by international and local observers in the monitoring of the electoral campaign and the elections. By order of the Central Electoral Commission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is inviting representatives of foreign States and international organizations to take part in observing the elections to the Parliament of the Republic.

The accreditation of international observers will be carried out by the Central Electoral Commission, which will issue the appropriate certification upon submission of applications by observers from foreign States and international organizations. Applications may be submitted directly to the Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or through the embassies and permanent missions of the Republic of Kazakhstan abroad.